

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please make the following amendments to the specification:

In the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 7, please amend as follows:

The inventor, who is an aquarium enthusiast, noted that it is difficult to change a substantial amount of water in a medium to large aquarium. For example, not having running water that runs directly into the aquarium system requires one to use pails and hoses that can cause a mess. Also, taking water directly from an exterior source and introducing it into the aquarium can be detrimental to the health of the living organisms in the aquarium. By attaching a second tank to the main aquarium tank through which water can be transferred, water can be conditioned and stabilized in the secondary tank before being introduced into the main aquarium tank. Also, by attaching an overflow and drainage system from both tanks to an existing sewer connection, allows for fast and safe removal of unwanted aquarium water. Redundant check valves and ball valves must be strategically placed to prevent backflow, valve failure backup and easy use.

In the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 17, please amend as follows:

As with most medium to large aquarium cabinetry, structural integrity and functionality ~~is~~ are important so as to provide support and easy accessibility for the total aquarium system. In this present invention, the second water conditioning and stabilization tank is located above the main aquarium tank which is a gravity-flow water changing system. Plumbing runs behind and below both tanks.

In the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 12, please amend as follows:

FIG. 4 is a sectional front view of the shelves, tanks, and plumbing in the aquarium. The outer cabinet walls, top, bottom and cabinet supports have been hidden in this view to reveal the

interior parts of the aquarium. Only the upper shelf 43, and the lower shelf 45, are parts of the cabinet. The water change tank 32, has a top tank wall restraint cap [[31]], with two equally spaced 18.5".times.14" water access cutouts. The tank wall retainer 31, extends down and around the top of the water change tank 32, by one inch and has a two inch cross piece to add strength to the top of the tank. On the back wall of the water change tank 32, two inches down and three inches in from the right side of the tank (from a front view perspective) is the center of a 1.5" diameter hole 35, that serves as access for the overflow plumbing into the back of the tank and allows excess water to drain out of the tank. The flat bottom of the water change tank 33, and a bottom tank wall retainer 34, goes around the rim of the bottom of the tank raising the tank up off the shelf 43, by about 3/4's of an inch to prevent condensation on the bottom of the tank. The shelf that the water change tank rests on is 50".times.1".times.22" and has an 8.7".times.5.8" cutout 44, four inches from the right side of the shelf and 3/4's of an inch from the back of the shelf. This cutout allows space for the water change tank 32, transfer line (sec FIG. 3) that leads into the main fish tank 38. Three inches from the back of the water change tank and five inches from the left side of the water change tank is the center of a 3/4" circular hole 36, that allows the water change tank transfer line to be connected to the bottom of the water change tank via a threaded flange.